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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes, the quantity of salt allowed to 'A' and 'B' class prisoners accustomed to non-vegetarian diet and to all 'C' class prisoners has been raised from $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. to 1 oz. per head per day. 'A' and 'B' class prisoners accustomed to vegetarian diet are already allowed 1 oz. of salt per head per day.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know what the extra cost has been to the Government by increasing salt from $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. to 1 oz.?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"It is about Rs. 3,000; I cannot vouch for its accuracy, but roughly, it comes to that amount."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"In view of the facts that the Government are not considering the expenditure alone as the prime factor, and that they have already incurred, in the case of salt, additional expenditure, will they not consider favourably the question of the supply of buttermilk to these prisoners without reducing other items of diet?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Let me first receive the report of the Inspector-General. I shall then consider all these things."

Ill-health of political prisoners in jails.

* 195-A *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the political prisoners in the various jails in the province have been in the jail hospitals during the period of their imprisonment;

(*b*) the names of such prisoners and the jails in which they have been imprisoned and the diseases from which they have been suffering;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that dysentery is the common disease from which political prisoners are suffering in almost all the jails in the province;

(*d*) what is the reason for the prevalence of this disease;

(*e*) how many of the political prisoners have contracted consumption after admission into the jails; and

(*f*) how many of the political prisoners were released when they were in a hopeless condition, and died soon after they were released?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) The Government have no information.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"The Government say here that they have no information. Will they be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I shall consider my friend's suggestion."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I cannot say that now."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know the reason why the Government are not definite in this respect?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because it involves an amount of trouble which is not proportionate to the benefit that the public will derive from it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know what the nature of the trouble is that will be involved? I suppose the jails have some records from which the information can be culled out and sent?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Other records have also to be looked into, such as judgments, etc."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Does this not amount only to a collection of statistics from the hospitals, Sir?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Not necessarily so; a host of clerks will have to be employed for the purpose."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Clause (c) of the question would seem to be of interest even from the Government point of view; will they call for information at least in that respect?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall call for information on that point."

Alleged ill-health of a political prisoner, Mr. K. Subrahmanyam.

*195-B Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. K. Subrahmanyam, Congress Secretary, Cuddapah, was convicted and sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment for an alleged political offence and sent to Vellore Jail;

(b) whether prior to his arrest and conviction he had been under medical treatment for tubercular Phthisis;

(c) whether his condition became worse after his imprisonment and if so, how; and

(d) whether his classification as 'C' class prisoner has been subsequently changed for a higher class?

A.—(a) K. Subrahmanyam was ordered under section 118, Criminal Procedure Code, read with section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, on 5th September 1930 in M.C. No. 7/30 on the file of the District Magistrate, Cuddapah, to execute a bond for Rs. 500 with two sureties each for Rs. 500 or 12 months' simple imprisonment in default. He was committed to the Central Jail, Vellore.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) No.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Did not the Government get any representations about the health of this gentleman?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir; not so far as I am aware."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What is the present state of his health?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice."